

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: In the interview of 8 April 2009, the Examiner and Applicants came to an agreement that the subject matter of new claims 22-24 would be considered allowable because the instant specification describes a method of identifying a bentgrass comprising the transformation event ASR-368 at pages 21-23. Applicants agreed to cancel withdrawn claims 20 and 21 in view of the *Ex parte Quayle* action mailed 1 April 2009.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David H. Kruse, Ph.D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anne Marie Grunberg can be reached at (571) 272-0975. The central FAX number for official correspondence is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group Receptionist whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

/David H Kruse/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 1638
20 May 2009